

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

KRISTIN BENZINGER *on behalf of herself, individually,
and on behalf of all other similarly-situated,*

Plaintiff,

-v-

LUKOIL PAN AMERICAS, LLC, and
LITASCO S.A.,

Defendants.

16 Civ. 8533 (PAE)

ORDER


PAUL A. ENGELMAYER, District Judge:

The Court notifies the parties that it intends to schedule a jury trial in this matter as soon as can be arranged, consistent with COVID-19 safety protocols and the demands of other matters (criminal and civil) for which jury trials in this District are sought. Given the District's limited capacity for hosting jury trials in the coming months, the Court (unlike with respect to bench trials) does not have its usual latitude as to the setting of trial dates.

By August 21, 2020, the Court will be submitting a form to the committee within this District responsible for scheduling jury trials, requesting a trial date in this case during the period October to December 2020. It expects to be notified shortly of such a trial date if one is allocated to this case. If there are specific dates during this period on which counsel has a preclusive commitment that would bar a trial being held, counsel are to notify the Court in writing by **Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.**, identifying with specificity the commitment that makes counsel unavailable on that date. The Court will notify counsel shortly of the trial date, if any, assigned to this case.

The Court wishes counsel well during this challenging time.

SO ORDERED.


Paul A. Engelmayer
United States District Judge

Dated: August 19, 2020
New York, New York